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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFTS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE HOPE TO HAVE WORD IN NEXT DAY
OR SO WHETHER GOR AGREEABLE TO PRESIDENT MAKING STATEMENTS
ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS
MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. CEAUSESCU; I AM HONORED AND PLEASED TO
VISIT ROMANIA, MR. PRESIDENT -- HONORED, AS ANY AMERICAN
PRESIDENT WOULD BE, TO VISIT A COUNTRY SO WELL KNOWN FOR
ITS PURSUIT OF INDEPENDENCE AND PEACE, AND PLEASED, AS
ANYONE WOULD BE, TO SEE A LAND OF ENDURING HISTORICAL
ROOTS, GREAT NATURAL BEAUTY, AND A FRIENDLY PEOPLE.

IT WAS NOT TOO MANY YEARS AGO THAT IT SEEMED DOUBTFUL
THAT COUNTRIES AS DIFFERENT AS OURS COULD AGREE ON ANYTHING.
NOW, WE HAVE FOUND MANY WAYS WE CAN COOPERATE FOR THE MUTUAL
BENEFIT OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES. WHEN I MET WITH YOUR
SPLENDID GROUP OF YOUNG ROMANIANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, MR. PRESIDENT, -- ALL EXCELLENT
AMBASSADORS OF FRIENDSHIP -- I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, WHAT
BETTER THING COULD WE DO THAN TO ASSURE FOR THE COMING
GENERATIONS, A MORE NORMAL, RELAXED, AND PEACEFUL ORDER IN
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THE WORLD BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES WE HAVE FOUND WE SHARE,

AND TO OPEN MANY MORE PATHS OF REAL AND INCREASINGLY
DIRECT COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES.

AMONG THE PRINCIPLES IN WHICH WE BOTH BELIEVE IS THE
RIGHT OF EVERY NATION TO INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT EVERY NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO
ITS OWN PEACEFUL EXISTENCE, WITHOUT BEING THREATENED BY
FORCE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALL STATES ARE EQUAL UNDER LAW
REGARDLESS OF SIZE, SYSTEM, OR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.
MANY OF THESE PRINCIPLES ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT
YOU, I AND OTHER HEADS OF STATE HAVE JUST SIGNED AT HELSINKI.
NO ONE HAS WORKED HARDER THAN YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO
MAKE THESE PRINCIPLES A REALITY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE

AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL PROB
LEMS THAT CONCERN US BOTH.

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE GOOD, MR. PRESIDENT. THEY COULD
BE EVEN BETTER. NOW THAT CONGRESS HAS APPRAISED OUR TRADE

AGREEMENT AND MOST-FAVORED NATION STATUS FOR ROMANIA, THERE
ARE NEW OPPORTUNITIES PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMERCIAL
AND ECONOMIC FIELD. I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN BUILD UP
ON THE CONSISTENT, PRINCIPLED FOUNDATION ALREADY EXISTING
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN MANY OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

MY VISIT IN ROMANIA WILL BE SHORT, BUT I KNOW THAT OUR DIS-
CUSSIONS, AS IN THE PAST, WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. AS DURING
YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE, OUR GOAL WILL BE TO
CONTRIBUTE TOWARD MORE LASTING AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS
FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES.
I'M TOLD A TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN WISH IS GOOD LUCK (NOROHK) --
LUCK OF COURSE CAN PLAY A PART BUT I KNOW TOO HOW IMPORTANT
ARE THE CREATIVE AND DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ANY PEOPLE. SO
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I BRING YOU AND THE ROMANIAN
PEOPLE WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU: FOR MY PART, MR. PRESIDENT, I AM
DELIGHTED WITH THE OUTCOME OF MY VISIT. OUR DISCUSSIONS CON-
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TRIBUTED TO EVEN GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.
AS ALWAYS, OUR TALKS COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS WITH
CANDOR AND GOOD HUMOR. THEY WILL CERTAINLY LEAD TO AN EVEN
MORE SOLIDLY BASED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES.

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, SUCH TALKS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
USEFUL IN ENCOURAGING THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS.
LET US CONTINUE THIS DIALOGUE IN THE FUTURE.(YOU AND YOUR

COLLEAGUES, ALL ROMANIANS, WILL BE MOST WELCOME AT ANY TIME
IN OUR COUNTRY. WE NEED MORE "AMBASSADORS OF FRIENDSHIP" IN
ALL FIELDS -- SCIENCE, CULTURE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE,
POLITICS -- SO THAT ALL MAY CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A BETTER, MORE
DECENT LIFE FOR OUR TWO PEOPLES.

MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY, ALLOW
ME TO THANK YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF ROMANIA MOST SINCERELY FOR
YOUR EXCEPTIONALLY WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY DURING THE LAST
TWO DAYS. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT ROMANIA WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE
IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF US WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED. THANK YOU
AGAIN -- SUH TRY ASKUH - RO MAN I YAH -- LAH MULTZ AHN (LONG
LIVE ROMANIA -- MANY YEARS). NOT THIS LAST EXPRESSION IS A
TRADITIONAL ONE OF WISHES FOR HEALTH, PROSPERITY,
AND LONG LIFE).

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